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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT - IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS FOR AMENDED
EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT

REF: STATE 142390

1. EMBASSY URGES THAT PROPOSED STATE/COMMERCE TEAM VISIT
SAUDI ARABIA FOR PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT
IN THE DRAFTING OF IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS FOR THE AMENDED
EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT. SUGGESTION FOR SUCH JOINT CONSULT-
ATIONS WAS MADE BY SAG FINANCE MINISTER ABA AL-KHAYL DURING
TALKS WITH SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HELD CONCURRENTLY
WITH MEETING OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION MAY 3-4, 1977.
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SEEMED TO FAVOR MINFIN SUGGESTION.

2. EMBASSY VIEW IS THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD MORE
NEARLY ECHO WHAT SAUDIS HEARD DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND CERTAINLY WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE
PSYCHOLOGICALLY THAN HAVING REGULATIONS "EXPLAINED" TO
THEM. REFTTEL MAKES NO MENTION OF SUCH JOINT CONSULT-
ATIONS, BUT WE BELIEVE VISIT OF STATE/COMMERCE TEAM WOULD
BE MORE USEFUL IF IT CAME FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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3. IN PLANNING FOR JIDDA VISIT, PLEASE NOTE THAT
RAMADAN (AUGUST 15 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13) AND HAJ (WHICH
FOR JIDDA MEANS PEAK CONFUSION PERIOD, WILL RUN FROM
ABOUT OCTOBER 22 THROUGH DECEMBER 15) WILL MAKE MEANING-
FUL CONSULTATIONS WITH SAG NEAR IMPOSSIBLE.
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